The details of Central investments made and capacity of hostels constructed during last five years are as follows:—

Items	Girls hostels for SCs	Girls hostels for OBCs
Investment through Central share (Rs. in crores)	101.55	21.52
No. of students that can be accommodated	36922	13033

Reservation in jobs in private sector

3155. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for job reservation in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken to implement above proposal;

(c) whether Confederation of Indian Industries has proposed a task force to empower disadvantaged sections of society other than mandatory quota in job reservation in private sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the proposed year, if any, for implementation of job reservation in private sector?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the commitment contained in National Common Minimum Programme (NCPM), a Group of Ministers (GOM) has been constituted to examine the issue of affirmative action, including reservation in private sector, and to initiate a dialogue with industry to see how best the private sector can fulfil the aspirations of youth belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes.

(c) and (d) It is learnt that Confederation of Indian Industry (Cll) has constituted a Task Force on affirmative action with the following terms of reference:—

(i) To identify scope and opportunity for intervention by industry;

(ii) To draw up a specific action plan to realize this opportunity; and

(iii) To draw a road map and a time-frame, (e) No specific time-frame can be indicated at this stage.

National Policy for Senior Citizens

3156. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Policy for Senior Citizens;

(b) the details of various schemes implemented so far for the welfare of Senior Citizens under the National Policy on Senior Citizens by the Ministry, State-wise;

(c) the details of various concessions provided to Senior Citizens of our country by the Union Government and the States;

(d) the details of measures taken so far in running institutions most effectively and efficiently like "Home for the Aged" funded by the Union Government and States; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The National Policy on Older Persons includes healthcare and nutrition, shelter/housing, protection of life and property and welfare of the elderly.

(b) The Ministry is implementing two grant-in-aid schemes namely, an Integrated Programme for Older Persons and the Scheme of Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary Organizations/Self Help Groups for Construction of Old Age Homes/Multi Service Centres for Older Persons.

(c) The details of various concessions are given in the Statement. (See Below).

(d) State Governments have been requested to send complete proposals and ensure regular inspections. Ministry also conducts inspections from time to time to oversee that the schemes are implemented effectively.